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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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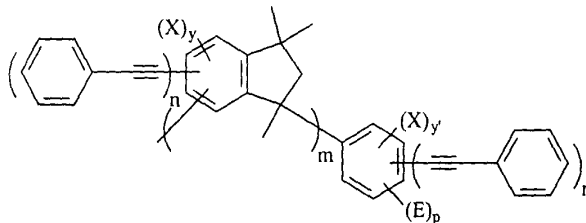
Dear Mr. Cain:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all pending claims and add the following claims addressing subject matter that was subject to a restriction requirement in application serial number 09/396,106:

(Added) A precursor of the formula:



wherein X is a halogen, E is an silane or siloxane, $n=1-4$, $y=0-3$, $y'=0-3$ whereby $y+y'>0$, $m=1-10$, and $p=0-3$.